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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 23rd, 1898.

Nothing dies harder than a man, especially if that man takes the form of  
working for the supposed good of others.  
The various societies for converting Jews  
and other Eastern people from the faith or  
creeds they have held for the past two or  
three thousand years, for dressing savages  
in the clothes of modern civilization, for  
compelling the public to practice total  
abstinence from alcoholic drinks, for making  
men obedient by act of Parliament, or for  
depriving the Chinese of their chief stimu-  
lant, these flourish and endure, no matter  
how often rebuffed, and regardless of  
financial stress or national complications.  
It might, however, readily have been sup-  
posed, after the results of the Royal Commission  
of Inquiry into the Opium Trade—and espe-  
cially now that it is well known fact, which  
has even reached the dull ears and unwilling  
sight of the Chinese people, that the  
Empire—that the Anglo-American Society for  
the Suppression of the Opium Trade would  
have been glad to retire into the obscurity  
from which it so cautiously springs.  
Such is not the case. Though we hear  
somewhat less nowadays about these  
famous fanatics they still exist as a  
blatant body, eagerly waiting for some  
new opportunity to force themselves and  
their misanthropic upon a long-suffering  
public. Only so recently as the 12th  
Inst., the members of the Society met  
breakfast at the Cannon Street Hotel, Lon-  
don, under the presidency of the Rev. Dr.  
Mowbray, Principal of Ridley Hall, Cam-  
bridge. It is charitably to be hoped that  
the meeting was really a little social gathering,  
a meeting of old acquaintances in the  
metropolis, the excuse given being business  
of the Anti-Opium Society. Or perhaps it  
was really a genuine attempt, after a good  
meal, to galvanize a moribund institution  
and a lost cause into life and movement  
again. At any rate a resolution was, we  
learn from the Times, moved by another  
gentleman, Preliminary Wren-Peterson,  
the following effect—"This meeting,  
after hearing statements as to the effect  
of the opium habit in China, from trust-  
worthy Englishmen, long resident there,  
and intimately versed in the social life  
of the people, is profoundly moved by the  
vast extent of the vice disclosed and the  
irreversible evidence of the moral and  
physical ruin which ever degrades its victims.  
It is clear that the growth of the opium  
"Empire, and that the home supplies are  
gradually excluding Indian opium. We  
submit that these facts only enhance the  
"responsibility of our country. By fostering  
and enforcing the opium trade for the sake

of revenue, Great Britain has been the  
"main factor in breaking down such barriers  
"as formerly existed in China against the  
"spread of this fatal vice. We call on our  
"countrymen, before it is too late, to stop  
"this unrighteous and demoralizing traffic,  
"and to let their influence at last tell in  
"favour of justice and good will to this  
"ancient and afflicted people." This long  
"winded piece of claptrap was, of course,  
"adopted unanimously. There it will end  
"for the present, but the Society will no  
"doubt later on proceed to reiterate its former  
"libels and calumnies on British merchants  
"and officials. The anti-opium fanatics do at  
"last recognise that the main portion of the  
"drug is produced in China, but they do not  
"propose to go to the Chinese Government  
"and urge effective prohibition of the cultivation.  
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loon ferry wharf. The *Heron* ran into the  
dock and the launch was so much  
damaged that it sank almost immediately.  
Happily no lives were lost.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley on the  
ground of the Hongkong Football Club H.M.S.  
*Porpoise* will play C. Company, K. O. R., in  
the second round for the Hongkong Football  
Challenge Shield. When these two teams meet  
a few days ago a draw resulted.

There was another large audience at the City  
Hall on Monday night, when the Hongkong  
Amateur Dramatic Club gave the second  
production of "The Danes" by Bayard  
and Co. and "A Fantasia Rehearsal,"  
amongst those present being H.E. the Acting  
Governor, Major General Black, Director of  
the Police, and other distinguished persons.  
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and the audience was much pleased. Another  
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CRIMINAL SESSIONS.  
BEFORE SIR JOHN CARRINGTON (Chief Justice).

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Bills, on demand .....	1/10 1/2
Bills, at 30 days' sight .....	1/10 1/2
Bills, at 4 months' sight .....	1/10 1/2
do, at 4 months' sight .....	1/10 1/2
Extraneous Bills, 4 months' sight .....	1/10 1/2
do, on demand .....	2/34 1/2
do, at 4 months' sight .....	2/38

MAD..		
Xmas ..	189.	
Bills, on demand ..	48½	
" , 60 days' sight .	48¼	
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Bank's Buying Rate ..	10 ½	
R.F., 100 fine per cent ..	\$5.50	

**DIST STOCK SHARES.**

	CURRENT PRICES.	QUOTATIONS.
S & S India—	\$125	\$341.25, sales
Gann, perf	58 nominal,	
Ethwath ..	\$3 15¢,	nominal
of cleared	1	£6. 5¢, buyers
Shares—	£8	1½¢, sales
Shares ..	1	1¢ bid
ates E. A. —	1	1¢ nominal
ures & Co.	\$10	1¢
r ..	\$100	\$173, sales
lls ..		

g.	Tls. 100	Tls. 100, buyers
g.	Tls. 100	Tls. 100, sellers
g.	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
g.	Tls. 100	Tls. 110
g.	Tls. 50	Tls. 52
g.	Tls. 100	Tls. 90
g.	45	64
Co. Geo.	\$25	30, buyers
Co. Cement	\$10	53, sellers
Co. Iron	\$12	57
Co. Iron	\$50	63
Co. & Co.	\$10	120
Electric	\$10	60, sellers
Co. Iron	\$100	105
Co. Iron	\$50	53, sellers
Co. Iron	\$50	107, sellers
Co. Iron	\$50	100, sellers & buyers

Rope.....	\$50	1174, sellers
ock.....	\$125	230, p. ct. prem. -
		\$423.75, buyers
	\$50	1160, sellers
re.....	\$20	1167
aders'.....	\$25	108, sellers
re-Fire.....	\$50	1372, sellers
mins.....	\$25	119, 193
	\$20	214, sellers
	\$25	2222, buyers
	\$50	1140.
building.....	\$50	2724, seller

g. Edgar Elev.	\$100	\$700, sales
gry Estate...	\$100	\$175, sellers
Land & B.	\$300	\$175
Int. Building	\$400	\$200
ar .....	\$160	\$41, sellers
ppages.....	Fcs. 500	\$145, sales
& C'donian	\$5	\$6
Do.	\$24	\$3.15
	\$5	\$2
moral .....	\$1	\$1.50, buyers
reference...	\$1	\$1.75, buyers
lines, X...	\$5	\$19, sellers

B.....	\$24	\$74, sellers
.....	35	164, sellers
Preference.....	\$1	\$190, buyers
.....	13s. 10d.	\$12, buyers
by Dock.....	\$10	\$174, sellers
Coy.....		
and Manila.....	450	\$76, buyers
Mutual Ord.....	210	\$7 1/2, buyers
Preference.....	\$10	\$5 1/2, buyers
Do.....	25	\$2 1/2, buyers
Steamship.....	\$50	\$58, buyers
on and M.....	\$15	\$203
na S. N.....	\$10	\$55, sellers

ating Co. ....	\$5 \$5, sellers
o. ....	\$2 \$2, sales
pestos .....	\$2 \$2, sellers
o. ....	\$10. \$10, nominal
Warehouse....	\$374 \$414
Co., A. S., ...	\$10 \$12

**J. W. Y. VERNON, Broker.**

**ORIGIN.**

		with allowance of	
a (this year's)	\$6.30	0 to 1	cents
(last year's)	\$7.70	2 to 3	"
(1912 year's)	\$6.00	1 to 3	"

a	(6/10 yrs).....\$830	0 to 2	"
n	(6/10 yrs).....\$900	0 to 24	"
a	\$765	New Benares.....	\$703½
s	\$710		
			\$490 to \$630
	Paper-wrapped .....		\$540 to \$655
	60 chests Bengal Opium.		

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## THE WEATHER.

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**NASA COAST METEOROLOGICAL  
OFFICE, 21st FEBRUARY, at 4 P.M.**

	Barometer red. to sea level and 32° Fahr.	Tempera- ture	Humidity.	Wind. Direc- tion.	Fore.	Weather.	Fair last 24 hours
cock	30.10	31	—	NW	c	—	—
" "	29.98	—	—	N	—	—	—
" "	29.67	—	—	N	—	—	—
" "	29.75	—	—	SW	s	—	—
" "	29.63	—	—	N	s	—	—
" "	29.75	—	—	SE	s	—	—
" "	29.85	47	93	NNE	e	—	—
" "	—	—	—	—	omd	—	—

ak	29.83	62	68	E	2	o	rd
...	29.83	60	68	E	2	o	rd
...	29.83	60	68	E	2	o	rd
...	29.86	51	87	N	2	o	rd
...	29.77	51	93	NW	4	o	rd
g	29.76	---	---	NW	5	4	---
...	29.79	55	---	NW	2	o	---
...	29.76	61	75	NW	1	b	---
...	19.76	68	66	NW	2	b	---
...	---	---	---	S	15	b	---

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30.02	—	—	SSW	4	—	...
30.05	65	—	DRW	2	o	...
29.92	61	53	S	2	b	...
29.92	64	71	W	1	b	...
—	—	—	SSW	2	cf	...

2nd at 11.55 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly on the China coast, fallen in the offshore. The pressure is highest over Central China. Low in the Philippines now. Fresh N. and N.E. winds in moderate. Forecast: Fresh N. and N.E. winds. Rain, then improving.

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F. G. FIGG, Acting Director.  
 Langdon Observatory, 22nd February, 1898.

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